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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

RE: DOCKET NO. WS-03478a-12-0307  
FAR WEST WATER & SEWER, INC.

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We are home owners in the Foothills of Yuma, Arizona. We wish to register our very strongest objections to the proposed wastewater increase by Far West Water and Sewer, Inc. In the filing of Docket No. WS-03478A-12-0307 Far West Water and Sewer, Inc. has filed for a residential wastewater increase from \$21.75 to \$62.65 per month, or 188.05% increase.

**We request that the Arizona Corporation Commission decline this request by Far West and do not allow this 188.05% increase to pass.**

The Foothills area of Yuma, Arizona is a community made up largely of retired senior citizens living in small homes, modular homes, park model units and recreational vehicles. An increase of this amount would present an enormous hardship on this entire population who are already struggling with fixed and declining incomes late in life. It would dramatically impact the ability of most of this population to remain in their homes and even in this area. Given the size of this increase, the possible resulting departure of this population from the Foothills of Yuma would in no small way impact both the City of Yuma and the County given the tax base they represent.

Of note: The \$21.75 per month that we are currently paying is almost three times the \$7.97 per month sewer charges we paid at our previous home, which was twice the size, located in a community of 80,000 people – and that is still the current rate, we checked.

If the current administrators of Far West Water & Sewer are unable to operate this utility without subjecting their customers to a 188.05% increase, then perhaps it is time for the County to look at an alternative utility to provide this service at a reasonable rate.

**Please use the powers given you to protect the small home owner and refuse this request.**

Thank you for taking the time to register our objection to the proposed 188.05% increase.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Daniel

Lynda Daniel

Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commission Wing  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Re: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.  
Docket #WS-03478A-12-0307

Commissioners,

Thank you for coming to Yuma to hear public comments. I know the audience was predominantly older citizens, but there are many families with children that are living and moving to this end of Yuma and when you're getting home from work, kids fed and off to bed, attending a meeting like this is a bit cumbersome. For all those younger families I would like to address this issue also on their behalf.

The Foothills area is made up of young working families, military families, and retirees with pretty much everyone being on a modest and/or set income. There is no alternative for sewer and water in this area leaving Far West as a monopoly. We are stuck with them and this increase is far and above what families in the Foothills can afford.

Even though our income is fixed and wages are going down with the additional taxes, the price of doing business seems to be going up. A modest increase of \$5 - \$15 dollars a month would not be welcomed but it could probably be worked into most budgets.

I have major reservations about Far West Water & Serwer. The work-a-day folks are totally under the thumb of the three (3) owners/board members of this corporation. These three, Sandra Braden, Paula Capestro and Andrew Capestro, inherited this utility, most of the land in the Foothills and several of the businesses. Basically, they have sqandered it all.

In reading todays paper, it reports there were 1,000 new Far West customers annually from 2001-2004. I'm sure later years had fewer home sites developed but still new customers annually. Companies owned and operated by the same three that own/manage Far West sold and developed most of the sites, a standard customer/contractor fee for initial hookup runs \$5000-6000 ... so where is the **\$15-18 million** that should have gone into the Far West account from 2001-2004? Their entire operation is a shell game and we the customers are having to pay for their graft and corruption.

I do not live near a sewer facility but at least 10 times a year I smell the sewer early in the morning and at night ... sometimes during the day as I drive by the pump station near Foothills Bank. The water pressure is not always held at the same level ... a noticeable difference of lower pressure in the mornings. When the major rush of winter visitors leave the pressure in the outside watering system has to be completely redone due to increased pressure ... have blown the regulators off many feeder lines until I got them reset.

It was mentioned in one statement Far West wanted 10% return on their investment ... wouldn't we all .. but I don't believe I should pay that type of return because of their bad mangement and pilfering of funds.



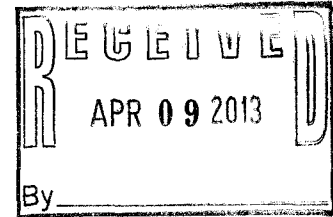
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To whom it may concern:

I am a single father raising two children and I can't afford Far West Water and Sewer now, let alone an increase.

The quality of their water has corroded all my fixtures in the house, I go to the water station and buy drinking water for me and my kids to drink, the yard area is total desert landscaping and we try and be conservative.

I used to work for one of their businesses in 2003. Luckily I found another job because they ran a very shoddy and unsafe operation back then ... don't think anything has changed. One of the sister's daughter stated "we love to spend money" ... ya and it seems to be mine!

Andrew Baer

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